



Fw: Reject the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project

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TO:
Department of Planning and Building
San Luis Obispo County
AND
Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County

Dear SLO Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to ask you to do the right thing and please **REJECT** the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project. Your decision affects us here in Northern California as well. I am a 25 year resident of Rodeo, which is home to the other Phillips 66 refinery. Our town has suffered greatly from this refinery over the years without regard to our health and safety and now they are trying to do it again by shipping and processing this highly volatile, dirty crude oil.

The number of rail cars will increase substantially and so will the likelihood of derailment, which could cause death to anyone along the route, not to mention the destruction of the environment for years. The rail tracks in our community and surrounding communities are very close to schools, homes and highways and therefore are in harms way if there was an explosion or fire from a derailment. They have proved that the rail cars are not equipped to handle this explosive oil. This is very concerning as well.

The air quality impacts will also be increased with more rail cars. The diesel locomotives emit large amounts of exhaust which is very dangerous to public health, especially the young and elderly. Each oil train emits the equivalent particulate matter of 4,500 diesel automobiles, meaning the Phillips 66 project would add the pollution of 2 million cars per year. California is trying to *reduce* greenhouse gases, not increase them!

Please stop them from endangering the lives of so many people along the the rail line and do the right thing. **YOU** have the power to **stop** this project, not only for SLO but for my town of Rodeo and every town in between. Don't let empty promises lead you down the wrong path. We have all heard them before, they are all lies.

Thank you for your time,

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